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1. WELL-KNOWN COMMUNIST UNION LEADER ANTHONY BRILLAKIS AND SEVEN LESSER LIGHTS OF THE GREEK LEFT, WHOM PRESS HAVE DESCRIBED AS COMMUNISTS, HAVE HAD THEIR GREEK CITIZENSHIP RESTORED. THE EIGHT AFFIRMATIVE DECISIONS ARE FIRST TO BE REPORTED BY FOUR PANELS OF JUDGES NOW REVIEWING AN ESTIMATED 2500 CASES OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF CITIZENSHIP BY JUNTA.

2. THESE EIGHT MAY NOW RESUME ACTIVE POLITICAL ROLE. BRILLAKIS IS EXPECTED TO BE CANDIDATE FOR PARLIAMENT ON UNITED LEFT TICKET. OTHERS INCLUDE SYPROS GRANITSAS, DEMETRIOUS VASSILIADES, ATHANASIOS PROVOS, THEODORE PANGAHALOS, SOPHIA DARIOTOU, APOSTOLOS ZISIS, AND CHRISTOS GHALIOURIS. OTHER THAN BRILLAKIS, THE NAMES ARE NOT PROMINENT. SEVERAL WE CAN IDENTIFY AS ALSO BELONGING TO THE INTERIOR FACTION OF THE KKE, OR POSSIBLY, AS WITH SPYROS GRANITSAS, THEY ARE KNOWN ONLY AS FELLOW TRAVELERS.

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ACTION ON THESE EIGHT SEEMS TO BE SMALL GESTURE OF GOODWILL TO

UNITED LEFT BY CARETAKER GOVERNMENT. ESTERIOR FACTION LEADER  
FLORAKIS (REFTEL A) PRESUMABLY HOPES ALSO FOR POSITIVE  
RECOMMENDATION FOR RESTITUTION. BULK CASES, MOST OF WHICH ARE  
WELL-KNOWN LEFTISTS, UNLIKELY TO BE RESOLVED UNTIL TOO LATE  
TO REHABILITATE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN NOVEMBER 17 ELECTIONS.  
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